

**"Poetry Share" by Prairie**

**Order Of Service - April 6, 2025**

**Prelude:** #1009 SLJ "Meditation on Breathing"  
performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

**Welcome:** Renee Deschard

**Chalice Lighting** by Debra Faulk

The chalice lit among us is a beacon  
A beacon of hope, in a world in crisis  
A beacon of possibility, made manifest in  
community  
A beacon of warmth through our interconnections  
A beacon of light illuminating our shared wisdom  
A beacon of connection by our being together

**Opening Music:** #188 SLT "Come, Come, Whoever  
You Are" led by Barb Park

**Youth Invited to Share Poems**

**Children's Recessional** by Joyce Poley

As you go on your way, may you be filled with  
Gladness. Go in joy, go in joy!  
May fortune bless your day with peace and  
loving kindness. Go in love, go in love.

**Presentation:** "Poetry Share" by Prairie

- Everyone is invited to read a poem and briefly share why they appreciate it.
- We'll pass the handheld microphone around instead of coming to the podium.

**Offering and Offertory:** "Help in Hard Times" by Carrie Newcomer, performed by Karen Smith. Lyrics are on the back of this page.

**Closing Words** by Charles Thomas

Words of worth  
rebound, resound,  
walls cannot hold  
the melody, the song  
igniting fires, hearts  
in motion, emotion  
not alone, evolving  
into revolution,  
into action  
for each one in the world  
feeling alone,  
unknown, reaching  
to the root,  
the radical source  
Love.

**Closing Music:** #1009 SLJ "Meditation on Breathing" led by Barb Park (the choir sang this for the prelude and now everyone will sing it together)

**Announcements**

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

(please return hymnals and Orders of Service to the back hymnal cart)





## "Help in Hard Times" lyrics

I am learning to walk with grace in the dark  
I am learning to trust and to lead with my heart  
When the old moon is gone into silence and sighs  
It's the one and only time a new moon can rise

Sometimes there is no reason the moon waxes  
and wanes

It was the hundred year flood and you were in the  
way

Some things we find in daylight and we're grateful  
to know

Some things we only learned where we did not  
want to go

I can't tell you it will all turn out fine  
But I know is there's help in hard times

Bruised and bewildered I am looking out the door  
Unsure of how to do what I've never done before  
But I am not alone with my questions and my  
fears

When the old moon is done the new moon  
appears

I'm inspired and troubled by the stories I have  
heard

In the blue light of evening all boundaries get  
blurred

And I believe in something better and that love's  
the final word

And that there's still something whole and sacred  
in this world

I can't tell you it will all turn out fine  
But I know there's help in hard times

Sure it could it could all be just fine  
But I know there is help in hard times  
All I know is there's help in hard times  
All I know is there's help in hard times

## Announcements

### **Potluck Sunday - Today**

Please join us today after service for a potluck meal. We'll need volunteers to help set up tables, move chairs, and prep for food and beverage service. All are welcome!

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### **Next Sunday "Lullabies: the Wisdom and Science of Soothing" by Mary Sue Reutebuch**

Lullabies are commonly described as a universal musical genre. We carry lullabies across cultures and borders and make new ones along the way. They often echo our histories and tell personal stories. Within these songs we often express hopes, fears, and dreams. There is a growing body of research indicating lullabies need not stop with infants and children. We will explore the science and wisdom of keeping lullabies with us throughout our lives.

**Next Sunday in RE:** Age-group classes, including OWL for registered participants

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### **Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing**

Leopold Community Assistance Network (CAN), which helps Leopold School families in crisis with eviction-prevention funds, housing entry fees, immigration resources, and other needs.

***For the 1st quarter of 2025, our shared Sunday offering raised \$1,275 for the Catalyst Project. Thank you for your generosity!***

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### **Nominating Committee Seeking Volunteers**

We currently have three positions to fill by July:

- **Treasurer, Board of Trustees**
- **Secretary, Board of Trustees**
- **At Large, Board of Trustees**

Contact Nominating Committee members: Heidi Hughes, Barbara Chatterton, Margit Moses, and Karleen Tyksinski.